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For: METHODS AND APPARATUSES FOR  
LAUNCHING UNMANNED AIRCRAFT,  
INCLUDING METHODS AND  
APPARATUSES FOR RELEASABLY  
GRIPPING AIRCRAFT DURING LAUNCH

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